

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 17, 2012
TO: City Council
THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra
FROM: Acting Public Works Director Scott Krawczuk SK
RE: 125kW Portable Generator

At its June 5, 2012 meeting, City Council rejected bids for a replacement 125Kw portable generator and authorized the City Manager to either rebid or purchase the equipment off of a State Contract. See attached memo for details.

The City was able to find a 150Kw portable generator meeting the City's requirements through the Florida Sheriffs Association Bid (Specification #84). ACF Standby Systems, LLC was awarded the FSA contract for the equipment in the amount of \$58,167.00. Since ACF has a unit in stock, they offered the City an additional \$13,167 discount for a final price of \$45,000, which is the amount included in the Public Works Utility Division's FY12 capital improvement budget for the generator.

City staff is proceeding with the generator purchase based upon previous Council direction and this memo is for information only.

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RECOMMENDATION: Reject bids for replacement 125kW portable generator and authorize City Manager to either rebid or purchase equipment off of a State Contract.

The City utilizes portable emergency generators to enable the lift stations that aren't equipped with stationary emergency generators to be operated during power outages in order to prevent wastewater from backing up into houses or onto the ground. There are currently 9 portable emergency generators which are on a ten-year replacement schedule. The City's largest portable generator is a 1998 model 100kW generator which is 4 years overdue for replacement. Specifications were prepared for a replacement generator for a larger 125kW capacity. An Advertisement for Bids for the generator appeared in the April 24, 2012 edition of the Fort Myers News Press.

In response to the ad, six bids were received and read aloud on May 17, 2012, in the presence of James Davis of ACF Standby Systems and Josh Holler and Scott Krawczuk both from the City. As per the attached bid tabulation, the low bid was submitted by Lightning Power Electric Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$36,911.00. Due to the large discrepancy between the bids, the specifications were reviewed and a conflict was discovered regarding the generator capacity. Due to this conflict, some bids were based on a 100kW generator and others on a 125kW generator.

Staff recommends that City Council reject the portable generator bids due to the conflict in the specifications and direct staff to purchase either rebidding the request for a generator or purchase the desired generator through the State bid process.

cc: City Attorney Ken Cuyler
Finance Director Sylvia Edwards